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1. The [] East Asiatic Company, Ltd., Oriental Avenue, Bangkok, is operating its own VHF radio-link facilities between Bangkok and Ko Si Chang (100-49; 13-09) in spite of Thai Government regulations forbidding operation of private radio transmitting facilities. In order to circumvent the regulations, the East Asiatic Company has placed its Bangkok facilities in government hands and places all calls through the Bangkok telephone exchange.
2. The equipment [] operates in the 70 to 87 megacycle band and has selective calling. The Bangkok terminal is located in the telephone exchange on Ploenchit Road near Raidamri Road and the antenna are situated on the high abandoned wireless masts just north of this building. The Ko Si Chang relay point is situated at an untended site on a high point of the island. It is operated from storage batteries and an automatic starting gasoline generator. The only tow terminal sets at Ko Si Chang are located in the East Asiatic Company's bungalow and on board the company's launch which operates in the roadstead. The facilities can be expanded.

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